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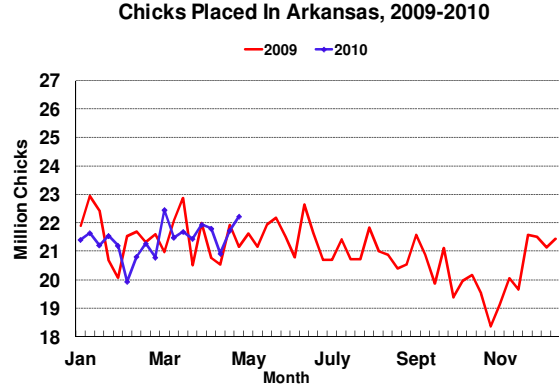
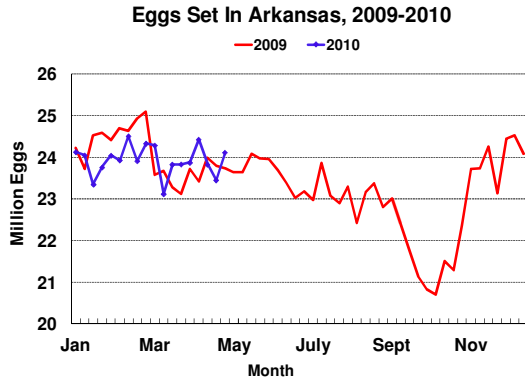


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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 5 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.2 million during the week ending May 1, 2010. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2009 and up 2 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending May 1, 2010, up 2 percent from the same period last year and up 3 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, April 3, 2010 - May 1, 2010

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	3-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	1-May	3-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	1-May
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	29,380 *	30,384 *	30,182	30,292	30,944	20,504	20,790	21,377 *	20,340 *	21,540
Arkansas	23,869	24,424 *	23,825	23,449 *	24,111	21,932	21,793	20,910	21,719 *	22,217
Delaware	3,771	3,783	3,783	3,787 *	3,787	4,672	4,654	5,404	4,850 *	5,150
Florida	1,350	1,342	1,382	1,389	1,380	972	944	1,102	1,140	955
Georgia	31,094	32,011 *	31,808	31,695	31,665	26,235	26,788	26,360	25,735	27,203
Kentucky	7,927	8,435 *	7,566	7,747	7,846	6,837	6,792	6,001	6,175	6,716
Louisiana	3,379	3,500	3,500	3,470	3,490	3,023	3,112	3,134	3,187	3,148
Maryland	8,965	9,058	8,906	8,184	7,059	6,099	7,133	5,735	6,353 *	6,588
Mississippi	19,204	19,287 *	19,160	19,023	18,816	16,463	17,012	16,879	16,766	16,770
N. Carolina	18,616	18,620 *	18,748	19,497	19,708	15,705	15,088	15,600	15,578	15,383
Oklahoma	6,657	6,986 *	7,133	6,705 *	6,747	3,290	5,179	4,399	3,507	3,563
Pennsylvania	3,691	3,738	3,784	3,802	3,759	3,036	3,020	3,029	2,907 *	2,981
S. Carolina	5,735	5,770	5,507	5,667	5,839	4,775	5,416	5,344	5,781	4,485
Texas	15,568	15,548	15,654	15,816	15,900	12,984	13,021	12,462	12,825	12,931
Virginia	6,466	6,527	6,531	6,792	6,616	5,316	4,840	4,658	5,035	5,037
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,925	19,549	19,366	19,465	18,923	16,683	16,952	16,772	17,468	17,596
19 State Total	204,597 *	208,962 *	206,835	206,780 *	206,590	168,526	172,534	169,166 *	169,366 *	172,263
Prev. Year Total	204,257	203,712	203,819	202,068	201,582	168,792	167,137	166,888	169,887	169,262
% of Prev. Year	100	103	101	102	102	100	103	101	100	102

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Up 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 1, 2010. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 1, 2010. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 3, 2010 through May 1, 2010 were 2.86 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.